GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAIN PROCUREMENT TARGET
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to modify the National Storage Policy in view ofthe changed scenario and to help the farmers who produce more during the good monsoon;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the mechanism available to stock the foodgrains in case of bumper crops?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): At present adequate storage capacity i.e. 35.84 million tonnes, both covered and CAP (Cover and Plinth) including hired from the State Governments, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) , State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) and Private Parties is available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for the storage of foodgrains.

During the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-2007), FCI has proposed for construction of6.78 lakh MTs of its own storage capacity. Out of which during the current Annual Plan (2002-2003), 1.36 lakh tonnes of storage capacity would be constructed.

Besides, the CWC and SWCs are also constructing covered storage capacity of 85.32 Lakh tonnes in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal, Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Orissa on 7 years guaranteed utilization given by the FCI4.41 lakh tonnes CAP storage facility is also being created by Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.The storage capacity of 23.20 Lakh MT has already been realized under this scheme.